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Date: March 31, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.
Applic. No. : 09/450,399
Filed : November 29, 1999
Title : Muffler and Associated Assembly Having a
Catalyst Carrier Body and Retaining Element
and Method for Producing the Assembly
Examiner : Hien Tran
Group Art Unit : 1764

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Responsive to the non-final Office action dated December 30,
2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as
follows: